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Frederick L. Montgomery,  
*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*  
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#### [Docket No. 301-101]

#### **Denial of Benefits Under a Trade Agreement by the European Union: Termination of Section 302 Investigation**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of termination and monitoring.

**SUMMARY:** Having reached an agreement that provided a satisfactory resolution of the issues under investigation, the Acting United States Trade Representative (USTR) has decided to terminate an investigation initiated under section 302(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) with respect to denial of benefits under a trade agreement by the European Union (EU) and to monitor EU implementation pursuant to section 306 of the Trade Act.

**DATES:** This investigation was terminated effective October 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Mowrey, Director, European Regional Affairs, (202) 395-4620, or Amelia Porges, Senior Counsel for Dispute Settlement, (202) 395-7305, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When Austria, Finland and Sweden acceded to the EU in January 1995, the EU withdrew the entire WTO tariff schedules of these three countries and of the EU of twelve members and applied the common external tariff of the EU of twelve to imports into these three countries. The result was to increase the tariffs applicable on a number of U.S. exports to Austria, Finland and Sweden, impairing prior tariff concessions by these three countries. The EU then began negotiations pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994

(GATT 1994) on compensation to its trading partners for the impairment of concessions; Articles XXIV:6 and XXVIII entitle relevant affected WTO Members in such a situation to receive negotiated compensation or, in the absence of agreement on compensation, to modify or withdraw "substantially equivalent concessions."

In order to exercise U.S. rights under a trade agreement, the USTR on October 24, 1995, initiated an investigation pursuant to section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2412(b)) with respect to the EU's policies and practices in this matter. (See 60 FR 55076 of October 27, 1995). At that time, the USTR proposed that, unless the United States and EU negotiated a mutually acceptable solution that compensated the United States in accordance with its rights under the WTO, the USTR would determine pursuant to section 304 of the Trade Act that the EU's policies and practices denied the United States trade agreement benefits and were actionable under section 301(a) and that the appropriate action in response would be to suspend, by the end of 1995, concessions on selected products. However, on November 29, 1995, the EU and the United States concluded negotiations and reached agreement on the permanent compensation which would be accorded to the United States in this connection.

As a result of the Agreement for the Conclusion of Negotiations Between the United States and the European Community Under Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994 (the Agreement), the USTR decided that no action was necessary under Section 301 and the United States did not give written notice of its intention to modify or suspend substantially equivalent concessions. On December 4, 1995, the European Council formally approved the Agreement, and on July 22, 1996, representatives of both sides formally signed the Agreement with effect from December 30, 1995. The Agreement provides full and permanent compensation for increased tariffs imposed on U.S. imports into Austria, Finland, and Sweden. Having reached an agreement that provides a satisfactory resolution of the issues under investigation, the Acting USTR terminated the investigation on November 24, 1996, and will monitor EU implementation pursuant to section 306 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2416).

Irving A. Williamson,  
*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### **Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending February 17, 1995**

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-95-470.

*Date filed:* February 16, 1995.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* March 16, 1995.

*Description:* Application of DHL Airways, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C., Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests an Amendment No. 1 to its certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide foreign air transportation of property and mail between the coterminal points Cincinnati, Ohio, and Houston, Texas and the terminal points Mexico City, Monterrey, and Guadalajara, Mexico, and that the Department grant such additional or other authority, consistent with this application (including a request to the Mexican Government to concur in a designation of DHL as the second U.S. all-cargo carrier between Houston and Monterrey and Guadalajara). Motion of DHL Airways, Inc. for leave to file Amendment No. 1 to Application.

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*Chief, Documentary Services Division.*

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#### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Approval of Noise Compatibility Program, Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field, Snohomish County, Washington**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its